

MEMORANDUM

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Saturday, October 5, 1968  
2:05 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Participation in Cuban Missile Crisis Meetings,  
October 1962

1. ExCom met with President Kennedy 42 times from the date of its establishment on October 22, 1962, until it ceased operations on March 29, 1963.

You were present at 37 of these 42 meetings.

2. During the first month of its life, when ExCom dealt only with the Cuban missile crisis, it met 30 times.

You were present at 27 of these 30 meetings. You did not attend the meetings on November 20, 21, and 23 -- long after the critical phase of the crisis had passed.

3. You also took part in numerous other meetings on the Cuban missile crisis:

a. NSC meeting of October 22 -- before ExCom was created.

b. Informal meetings of the ExCom group held without President Kennedy. Several of these were held in Secretary Rusk's conference room at the State Department.

A list of ExCom meetings you attended is attached. The five meetings you did not attend are marked with an asterisk.

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Meetings of the ExCom Committee

1962

October 23, 10:00 a.m.  
October 23, 6:00 p.m.  
October 24, 10:00 a.m.  
October 25, 10:00 a.m.  
October 25, 5:00 p.m.  
October 26, 10:00 a.m.  
October 27, 10:00 a.m.  
October 27, 4:00 p.m.  
October 27, 9:00 p.m.  
October 28, 11:00 a.m.  
October 29, 10:00 a.m.  
October 29, 6:00 p.m.  
October 30, 10:00 a.m.  
October 31, 10:00 a.m.  
October 31, 6:00 p.m.  
November 1, 10:00 a.m.  
November 2, 11:00 a.m.  
November 3, 10:00 a.m.  
November 3, 4:00 p.m.  
November 5, 10:00 a.m.  
November 6, 6:00 p.m.  
November 7, 5:00 p.m.  
November 8, 4:00 p.m.  
November 12, 11:00 a.m.  
November 12, 5:00 p.m.  
November 16, 11:00 a.m.  
November 19, 10:00 a.m.  
\* November 20, 3:30 p.m.  
\* November 21, 4:00 p.m.  
\* November 23, 10:00 a.m.  
November 29, 10:00 a.m.  
December 3, 10:00 a.m.  
December 6, 5:30 p.m.  
\* December 10, 5:40 p.m.  
\* December 11, 10:00 a.m.  
December 17, 10:00 a.m.  
December 17, 3:45 p.m.

1963

January 25, 4:00 p.m.  
January 31, 6:00 p.m.  
February 5, 4:00 p.m.  
February 12, 10:00 a.m.  
March 29, 12:30 p.m.

\* Meetings which the Vice President did not attend.

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